

VALOR:

Explore the opportunity

Tired of the same routine summer internship! Look no further... The VA offers a great diverse experience to explore all areas of VA pharmacy. VA pharmacists have an extensive scope of practice including prescriptive authority. The VA is a great place to work and practice innovative pharmacy. See what opportunities exist for you before you are even a pharmacy graduate!



William S. Middleton Veterans Affairs VALOR Program

Please refer all questions and
applications submission to:
Pharmacy Department (119)

William S. Middleton Memorial Veteran
Affairs Medical Center
2500 Overlook Terrace
Madison, WI 53705
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**William S. Middleton VA
VALOR Program**

**Veterans
Affairs
Learning
Opportunities
Residency**

**Pharmacy Student
Summer Internship**

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Description of VALOR

The Pharmacy VALOR program will provide opportunities for outstanding students to develop competencies in pharmacy practice while working at a VA healthcare facility.

Students can work in a variety of pharmacy practice areas for 400 hours after completing 4 courses of pharmacy school education.

At the William S. Middleton Memorial VAMC students will participate in the outpatient pharmacy, inpatient pharmacy, ambulatory care, formulary management and administration. In the outpatient pharmacy students will learn skills for prescription review and dispensing, medication counseling, and staff education. In the inpatient setting students will participate in IV admixture, kinetics monitoring, medication reconciliation, and discharge counseling. In the ambulatory care practice students will have an opportunity to help patients better manage their chronic diseases such as hypertension, rheumatology diseases, anticoagulation, epilepsy, diabetes, osteoporosis, and cardiovascular risk factors through optimizing drug therapy. Students will also work one-on-one with pharmacy residents and pharmacists. Students will also be responsible for presentations, attendance to weekly topic discussions and journal clubs.

Benefits of the Program:

At the end of the program students will have gained competency in many areas of pharmacy and be able to:

1. Identify various roles pharmacists have in a VA healthcare system
2. Learn and interact with several other healthcare disciplines
3. Carry out many of the functions required of pharmacists in various practice settings
4. Apply the process of gathering data from patients and their medical record to formulate solutions to therapeutic problems
5. Learn importance of appropriately documenting patient visits through utilization of SOAP notes
6. Apply clinical knowledge database learned in the classroom in Pharmacy School to clinical problem solving

Requirements

1. Attend an accredited school of pharmacy and currently working to complete a Pharm.D. Program
2. Have completed two years of a four year pharmacy school program
3. Be a United States citizen and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry into the program
4. Be able to complete a minimum of 400 hours as a Pharmacy VALOR student in a VA facility
5. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average in professional curriculum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Application Process

1. Submit an Application for Federal Employment for the VALOR program:

<http://www.madison.va.gov/PharmacyResidency/index.asp>

2. Submit a letter from the Dean/Director of School or College of Pharmacy to the Chief, Pharmacy Services of the chosen VAMC. The letter should include:

- ◇ A nomination of the student to the program
 - ◇ Verification of enrollment as a full-time student
 - ◇ Verification of three semesters of pharmacy education successfully complete
3. School of Pharmacy Transcript
 4. Submit a résumé/CV detailing past employment/volunteer experiences

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION:

DECEMBER 31, 2010

Students can use 3-24 months to work the total of 400 hours needed to complete the program. However, it is recommended to complete this program during the summer months to gain experience from other VALOR students. During this time students will earn approximately \$17-18 per hour for their 400 hours of internship. Students who complete the program receive a certificate and are eligible for hire at a VAMC above the starting salary rate.